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Terry Goddard Amplifies Cochise County Warning

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Sept. 5, 2007) Attorney General Terry Goddard today joined the Cochise County Health Department in warning consumers about a phone solicitation scam circulating in Cochise County.

Cochise County residents have received calls from a company called Arizona Health Care claiming to be conducting a phone survey on behalf of the County Health Department. During this survey, callers ask for personal information, including name, credit card number, Social Security number and whether they live alone.

This is a scam! The Cochise County Health Department is not conducting any phone surveys. The callers are attempting to steal personal and financial information. Cochise County Health Department officials have said they would notify the public before conducting a phone survey and would never ask for personal or financial information. If you receive such a call, do not give out any personal information and report it to the Attorney General's Office.

"We have seen many similar attempts to use a phony official title to obtain personal information," Goddard noted. "No governmental or legitimate financial institution will call or email you and ask for personal financial information."

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please contact the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix at 602.542.5763; in Tucson at 520.628.6504; or outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas at 1.800.352.8431. To file a complaint in person, the Attorney General's Office has 35 satellite offices throughout Arizona with volunteers available to help. Locations and hours are posted on the Attorney General's Web site at www.azag.gov.

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